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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 10TH, 1904.

It might have been anticipated that the increase in the production of gold which has taken place of late years from the Transvaal and Klondyke mines would have had some appreciable effect upon the relative values of gold and silver and have tended to raise the range of the silver currencies. So far, however, as it has been possible to form an estimate in the matter, no appreciable effect of this kind has been produced, and the low rates of exchange in the East are still a noticeable feature and have to be accepted as an established fact. It is, of course, impossible to say whether the downward movement which at one time caused so much anxiety, and which has been the subject of so much speculation on the part of financiers and economists, has been to some extent arrested by an addition to the world's supply of gold. Upon abstract grounds, this may fairly be assumed to have been the case, but it is still an open question how far any such result has been brought about; and, what is of more importance, how far it may be looked for in the future. It is to be feared that no very marked effects can be anticipated, though at first sight it might appear that there was some hope in this direction. There is in the first place the fact that the production of silver in many American mines, which has been suspended consequent upon the comparatively low value of the metal, can be resumed at any time when a more favourable state of matters might render it profitable to work these mines again. This in itself would seem to be a hopeless obstacle against any re-adjustment of the relative values of the two metals. As the cost of working the

mines must be paid for in gold currency, the more silver that is produced, the sooner must the point be again reached when it will no longer pay to continue the operations. Whatever the amount of available silver may be, there is always this reserve in the background, which will tend of necessity to keep down its value. On the other hand, the value of gold is enhanced by its being still—and being certain to remain—the one stable standard of value among all the most important commercial nations. In France and America, though the names of the current coins are those of silver pieces—in the one case the franc, and in the other the dollar—the standard is in reality a gold one; as the gold value of these coins is fixed; and in Great Britain and most of her Colonies the currency is gold both in name and in coinage. In other countries—the last among them being our enterprising neighbour, Japan—the principle has been accepted that a gold currency is essential to sound commercial operations; and there can be no doubt that wherever it is possible the gold standard will be adopted. Thus there has been, and is likely to continue to be, a constant increase in the demand for gold; and the value of the metal has been enhanced not merely as a consumable article of luxury, but on account of its becoming more and more recognised as the only reliable ultimate standard of value in all commercial transactions. This is in itself a source of great value to any metal. For a long period silver took this position in the East, but it has now been found wanting in stability, and the artificial value which attached to it has departed, while that of gold, as a reliable basis, has been proportionately enhanced. The latter, whether it be more or less used for articles of luxury, dental purposes, gilding, or in other ways, where (a fact which is often overlooked) it is more or less actually consumed, must for many years to come still be the metal always in demand for the purpose of reserves; and so long as it is thus used, its value as compared with other metals liable to more fluctuation must always be maintained.

Silver in the East no doubt stands upon the footing of the ultimate standard of value, but its prerogative in this respect is of a local and limited character, and cannot affect its value in relation to a gold standard, when it comes into contact with it in over-sea commercial transactions. The idea which was at one time in favour of adopting some artificial means of establishing an exchange value of the dollar or the rupee, has of late years apparently been abandoned as impracticable. At least we hear very little in respect of a controversy which was at one time kept up with considerable animation; and it may be taken that the existence of a lower average standard has been accepted as inevitable. Still it cannot be considered that the state of affairs is satisfactory. There is not any security that the exchange has touched the bottom and that there may not be further decline even from the low rates which have ruled for many years past. This state of things must always exist so long as silver remains the medium of commercial transactions; and it will be a long time before it can be hoped that a gold standard in any form will be accepted in China. This would, of course, be the true remedy; but it must be many years before any such change could be brought about, even if China were under a Government much stronger than we can hope to see. Should the Japanese, however, carry out the scheme which it is stated they have in contemplation, of introducing a gold currency, it is not impossible that the Japanese coin would by degrees obtain some kind of foothold as a medium for commercial transactions, and that ultimately the Chinese might find the advantage of following suit and adopting a gold standard for themselves. Nothing short of this would put an end to the silver trouble and the low range of exchange, which has been prevalent for so many years.

The U.S.S. *Helena* leaves to-day for Cavite.

We have received from an American naval officer a sum of five dollars for the man who sent us the letter signed William Carlyle.

H.E. Sir Matthew Nathan, accompanied by his A.D.C. and the Harbour Master, paid a visit to the Sailors' Home yesterday afternoon.

A bazaar will be held at the City Hall on Wednesday next, commencing at 2 p.m., in aid of the Chinese orphans of the Asile de la Sainte Enfance.

The Hongkong Tramway Electric Company advertise their intention of applying to H.E. the Governor in Council for power to construct and maintain a siding, fifty yards long, between Yee Woo Street and Causeway Bay Road.

The new United States survey ship *Fathometer*, built at the Kowloon Dock, may undergo her trial trip on Monday.

Mr. Sassoon J. David, senior partner in the firm of Sassoon J. David & Co., of Bombay, and of S. J. David & Co., of China and Japan, has been appointed Sheriff of Bombay for the ensuing year.

Our gallant little friend the *Rinaldo*, under Commander Wake, will be meeting the junior Baltic Fleet somewhere about the Straits of Bab-el-Mandeb. We trust, say a Singapore paper, she will not be mistaken for a Hull trawler—pardon, for a Japanese squadron. If that mistake is made the *Rinaldo* will go at the "Vodka" flag for all she is worth.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Howell have sent out invitations for friends to be present at the marriage of their sister to Mr. Arthur William Hill, of the Supreme Court, at St. John's Cathedral on the 21st December. A reception will afterwards be held at No. 6, Morrison Hill Road. The bride, Mrs. Emily Flora von Reiffenstahl, is a daughter of Mr. Jonathan Howell, of Cambridge. Her brother, Mr. Fred Howell, is head bailiff at the Supreme Court.

A Wuchang despatch states that Viceroy Chang Chih-tung is so very much taken up with Pinghsiang, in Kiangsi province, where are Sheng Kang-pao's coal mines and a short railway to the banks of the Yangtze, as an ideal spot for an arsenal, that in the event of Tieh Liang, the Special Commissioner from Peking, reporting that it is unfit to replace the Kiangnan Arsenal in Shanghai, the Viceroy will himself construct a small arms and ammunition factory and field-gun foundry there with funds from the treasury of the Hukwang provinces.

A Chinese ex-policeman at Shanghai made a practice of going to a native woman who sold lottery tickets, and telling her to take out tickets in his name. If the ticket happened to draw a prize, the defendant claimed the prize money and paid her for the cost of the ticket, but if his ticket lost then he paid the complainant nothing. He imposed upon the woman in this way by threatening to charge her with some offence should she not comply with his demands. The defendant had been in the Police Force eight years and had a very bad record. He was laid by the heels on Nov. 30th, and got 300 blows and three months' imprisonment.

By kind permission of Col. Caulfield and officers, the band of the 10th Mahratta Light Infantry will play the following selections at the Hongkong Hotel this (Saturday) evening:

March—"Camperdown" Clode
Selection—"La Fugale" Andrey
Song—"Garden of Sleep" Godfrey
Valse—"Venetian Song" Buechstein
Selection—"Pirates of Penzance" Godfrey
Dance—"Fife Hungarian" Sarakowski

Menu—Hors d'Oeuvre—Macassar Fish and Olive Croquettes. Soup—Consomme Royal. Fish—Baked Salmon a la Mornay. Entrees—Salmon of Hare, Fillet of Steak a la Wellington, Chicken and Macaroni Patties. Curry—Nepaul. Joint—Roast Sirloin of Beef, Roast Pheasant and Bread Sauce, Boiled Bacon and Cabbage, Cold Roast Leg of Mutton and Mint Sauce, French Bean Salad. Sweets—Lemon Pudding, Pineapple Ice Cream and Finger Cakes, Custard Tart. Tipsey Cake. Dessert—Coffee.

The drink habit is spreading among the Burmese, and a deputy Commissioner sententious remarks that "there can be no doubt that the increase in wealth and the raising of the standard of living is producing the usual result in use and abuse of liquor. Western civilisation has always substituted pleasure for happiness, and it is absurd to expect that its effect on the Burman should be different from that on other nations." Silent, sullen toying is rare, but the effect of drink on the excitable Burman provokes him to "break up the convivial party." Cheap moralising on this subject is useless. If the truth must be told, a something should seal the lips of the evangelist who would restrict the use of alcohol among Orientals while we continue to profit by their devotion to narcotics. The conquest of opium by alcohol may be to some the triumph of the lesser evil. We however should shudder at the result if the Chinese population en masse abandoned the non-crime producing narcotic for the crime-producing liquor. The Burman, however, in the main does not use opium. He will therefore be the reader to substitute the higher class European liquors for the arrack and samshu of the bazaar.—*Singapore Free Press.*

MORE FIRES.

At about 2.15 yesterday morning a fire broke out in a godown at No. 325, Des Voux Road West, in which general merchandise is stored. The brigade were quickly on the scene, and were not long in quenching the fire. The damage is estimated at \$500. The goods were insured to the amount of \$19,000 in the U.A. On Insurance Company, \$5,000 in the Commercial Union, and \$11,000 in the Mei Jui Insurance Company. The origin of the fire is unknown, but the godown-keeper said that when he went to bed he left a kerosene lamp burning on a case of goods. The Police are investigating matters.

Another alarm was given in the afternoon from the direction of Wongneichong. The brigade turned out, but discovered nothing more than the burning of some rubbish.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE NORTH BORNEO DINNERS.

LONDON, 7th December.
Sir Charles Jessel, vice-chairman of the British North Borneo Co., presided at the annual North Borneo dinner. Mr. Cowie announced amid cheers that Judge Gueritz had been appointed Governor and added that he was more sanguine than ever of the future of the country which was worth many times the value of the capital of the company. He hoped that work would soon be started on the manganese and iron discoveries.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH CONVENTION.

LONDON, 7th December.
The French Senate has adopted the Anglo-French Convention by 215 to 37.

THE WAR.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

THE COMING FLEET.

LONDON, 7th December

The rest of Admiral Votrovsky's supplementary fleet, consisting of the *Dnieper*, formerly the *Petersburg*, and two destroyers and transports, have left Tangier bound eastward.

The cruisers *Oleg*, *Inorud*, the vanguard of Admiral Votrovsky's supplementary Baltic fleet, left Tangier yesterday on the way to Suex. The *Rion*, formerly the *Smolensk*, and two destroyers are at Algiers.

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

THE BOMBARDMENT OF PORT ARTHUR.

Tokyo, 9th December.

The naval staff with the Port Arthur army on Thursday evening reports that the *Pallada* had taken fire and healed to port with stern down. Eleven shots also told on the *Gilyak*. The *Bayan* took fire at 11.30 a.m. and was still ablaze at 4.15 p.m.

The commander of the naval artillery reports that the *Amur* was on Thursday hit about the stern by fourteen shots, and sunk. Many shots greatly damaged godowns and other buildings near Pehyushan and the Arsenal.

CHURCHES FOR KOWLOON.

SIR PAUL CHATER'S GIFT.

The foundation stone of a new church at Kowloon will be laid next Tuesday. The inscription is as follows:—

This foundation stone was laid by Rt. Rev. J. C. Hoare, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, December 15th, 1904. This church erected and presented to the Colony by Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G.

The Government gave a free grant of 67,500 square feet for the church, the site being in Robinson Road, Kowloon, next to the school presented to the Colony by Mr. Ho Tung. It is to be erected at a cost of \$40,000; and named St. Andrew's Church. It will be built of red brick. There will be seating accommodation for about three hundred persons. At either corner of the western elevation there will be an entrance, the Baptistry being on one side, and a tower on the other. The columns are of marble.

DR. A. S. GOMES' GIFT.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock the laying and the blessing of the foundation stone of a new Roman Catholic Church at Kowloon will take place. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. P. de Maria, the pro-Vicar Apostolic, in the absence of Bishop Pizzardi. The building will occupy a superficial area of about 4,500 square feet, and will have seating accommodation for 600 persons. The length from the porch to the main altar will be 106 feet, while the width of the nave will be 35 feet. The nave is 58 feet long and the main altar and chancel will be 21 feet. There will be three altars; the main one will be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin of Pompeii, and the two smaller ones to St. John the Baptist and St. Anthony respectively. The vestry will be on the left of the chancel and the organ will be placed on the right. The outward appearance of the church will be as beautiful when completed as red brick can be. There will be a tower for the bells. The height of the spire will be about 50 feet. The plan and the design were prepared by Messrs Palmer and Turner, and the total cost of building, which is at present estimated at \$23,000, will be defrayed by Dr. A. S. Gomes. It is expected that the church will be ready by April or May next year. The Roman Catholics at Kowloon are very grateful to Dr. Gomes for this generous gift.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 10th at 11.58 a.m. The barometer has risen over the Eastern Sea and fallen moderately at most other stations.

A deep depression is passing across Hokkaido from the westward, accompanied by strong winds. Gradients are moderating upon the China Coast and moderate N.E. monsoon will prevail in the Formosa Channel and the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast.—Moderate N.E. winds, cloudy, fair.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUT OF WORK.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."]

Hongkong, 9th December.
Sir,—Your correspondent W. Carlyle is in error—I will not use a stronger term—when he states that I refused to help him because he was not in the Sailors' Home. I did not refuse to help him, and if I had done so, it would not have been for such a reason. The fact of the matter is that the need is so far in excess of my means to help that I am often compelled not to "refuse help," but to explain that I haven't the means.

During the past eleven months I have been enabled by grants from the Ladies' Benevolent Society, by donations from friends, and by drawing upon the Church Funds to help men, in various ways, to the extent of four hundred and fifty dollars, and with one or two trifling exceptions these have all been men not in the Sailors' Home.

Your correspondent, together with several others who have come to Hongkong, was paid off in Shanghai, but as the crew had signed three years' articles it must have been with his own consent, if not at his own request. Why did he consent? But this suggests another question, and a more serious one, why did the British Consul in Shanghai, knowing as he must have done the very poor prospects of re-shiping in Shanghai, allow him to be paid off? Surely this is a matter that calls for investigation.—I am yours faithfully,

J. H. FRANCE.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

Yesterday morning His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, accompanied by his A.D.C. and the Rev. Father Maria, visited St. Joseph's College. On arrival the students sang a hymn of welcome and presented him with the following amusing address:—To Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong, Your Excellency.—We the students of St. Joseph's College heartily unite in a chorus of welcome and congratulation to Your Excellency, on your first appearance in this establishment. It is hardly necessary to remind Your Excellency that we are utterly incapable of getting up an address equal to your merit and dignity, but we indulge in the hope that you will be so good as to take the will for the deed. We recognise in Your Excellency, not merely the head of His Majesty's Government entitled to our loyalty; not merely the benevolent Governor of Hongkong well deserving of our affection. We see especially in Your Excellency a true-hearted Educationist, solicitous not only for the wealthy few, but for the great mass of the rising generation. On the occasion of your visit to the college, we rest the strongest hopes of our future success, and trust we shall ever prove worthy of your support and confidence. As regards our scholastic acquirements we have but little to say. While we believe that some progress has been made in our studies, so far as immediate practical utility is concerned, we cannot conceal from ourselves and Your Excellency the fact that further knowledge and practice are not only possible, but would be advantageous. This splendid building on a very desirable site and so well adapted for its purpose as an educational establishment, represents rather our aspirations and the expectations of our friends than the extent of our knowledge. It will be gratifying to Your Excellency to know that, with particular pleasure, we look forward to the Prize Distribution. We believe that prizes like steadfast labour and habits of clear perception are things to be desired as tending to our higher development, and ought therefore to be encouraged as one of the most valuable means of education. And on this ground we desire to express our earnest hope that, with your accustomed kindness and courtesy, you will not allow any other engagement to stand in the way of your coming to preside and distribute the prizes. We wish your Excellency may have many years to live in happiness and prosperity. We feel that any attempt on our part to acknowledge in a fitting manner the favour conferred must be unsuccessful, and by very far fall short of our feelings. However please accept our humble thanks for your goodness and kindness and believe us to remain in the sentiments of the deepest gratitude, The Pupils of St. Joseph's College.

His Excellency, in thanking the boys for their address, said he would not fail to come back on the 17th to distribute the prizes on the occasion of the closing of the college for the Christmas vacation. Sir Matthew then made an inspection of the college and expressed himself as well pleased with the arrangements throughout, also with the prompt answers of the boys he questioned on various subjects. He secured for them a half holiday before leaving, and on taking his departure the college choir struck up "God save the King." The boys were drawn up outside the door in two lines, and as His Excellency walked between them he was heartily cheered, and cheered again until he was out of sight.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Dumbas*, with the outward French mail, will leave Saigon on Saturday, the 10th inst. at 2 p.m. for this port.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Yokohama at 9 a.m. on Thursday, the 8th inst., and left again at 6 a.m. on Friday, the 9th inst. for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* arrived at Vancouver at 7 a.m. on Thursday, the 8th inst. The C.N. steamer *Taiquan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th inst., and is due here on the 22nd inst.

LOCAL SPORT.

RACING.

The tie between *Little Mono* and *Desert King* will be run off this morning.

CRICKET.

To-day's match on the Cricket Ground, Club v. Navy, commences at 11.30 a.m. The teams are as follows:—Club—W. F. Lamson (R.A.), R. Hancock, H. Hancock, P. M. Heath (10th Mahrattas), Major Chichester, R. E. O. Bird, J. T. Dixon, G. E. Morrell, A. G. Ward, T. Searcombe Smith and Major Pedley (R.W.K.). Navy—Commander Bentinck, Lieut. Escombe, Lieut. Noble, Lieut. Cornabe, Sub-Lieut. Lapage, Sub-Lieut. Benbow, Capt. Harris, Eng.-Lieut. de Paris, Mr. E. L. Horsey, Mr. Osborne and Lieut. Cantrell.

The Cricket League table (three for a win and one for a draw) at present stands as follows:—

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
A.C.C.	7	6	1	0	18
H.K.P.	5	4	1	0	12
R.E.	6	2	1	3	9
Kowloon	5	3	2	0	9
S.S. Co. R.G.A.	6	2	2	2	8
Craigswater	6	2	3	1	7
Civil Service	6	2	3	1	7
R.A.M.C.	9	2	7	0	6
H.K.C.C. "A"	2	1	0	1	4
Parsees	4	0	4	0	0

The Hongkong C.C. Reserves will play the Police C.C. on the Naval Ground, Happy Valley, this afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

The Hongkong Cricket Club reserves are, as follows:—C. H. Mackay, N. H. Rutherford, A. Mackenzie, C. H. Falloon, F. C. Batcher, F. H. Kew, J. Hooper, P. R. Wolf, C. A. Parker, A. Oliver and A. C. Butt.

The Craigswater C.C. this afternoon will play another Police team on the Craigswater ground. The match will commence at 2.15 p.m.

The Civil Service C.C. will play the Royal Artillery to-day, commencing at 2.15 p.m., on the Civil Service ground. The Civil Service team is as follows:—R. Wytchell, W. E. Wessier, P. T. Lumble, W. Parkinson, A. Brown, A. R. Raven, W. H. Woolley, F. T. Robins, W. Brand, G. Goldsmith and L. E. Brett.

Presentations have been made to the Kowloon C.C. as follows:—Mr. J. W. Osborne, a bat to be awarded at the end of the season to the best man in the second eleven; Mr. J. Logan, a bat for the best man in the first eleven; and Dr. Freeman, a cup for the best all-round man in the Club.

FOOTBALL.

Followers of football were sorely disappointed when they learnt that the match arranged between the Hongkong Football Club and the R.G.A. was not to take place at Happy Valley yesterday. A fair number of spectators were waiting on the field, but for some unaccountable reason only a few of the players turned up.

This afternoon a Rugby match, H.K.F.C. v. Naval team, will be played at Happy Valley. Kick-off at 4.30 p.m. The following will play for the Club:—T. O. Gray, full back; J. Thompson, A. O. Lang, Lieut. Harvey and Humphreys, three-quarters; J. Clark and H. G. C. Bailey, halves; H. C. Sandford, F. A. Bidon, Capt. Elwood, Lieut. Duncan, Lieut. Graham, Lieut. Storer, Lieut. Black, and H. F. Chard forwards.

A match was played at Happy Valley between teams representing the *Vengeance* and the *Tamar* yesterday afternoon. The *Vengeance* team played five men short, but succeeded in defeating their opponents by two goals to nil, Barnes and Gilbert being the kickers.

The following team will represent the *Vengeance* in their match against Taikoo to-day:—Marchant, goal; Gardner and Josephs, backs; Flannery, Keith and Cornick, halves; Bevel, Keywood, Barnes, Gilbert and Humphries, forwards.

SHOOTING.

The Hongkong Gun Club will shoot off, the championship for 1904 this afternoon, at 3 p.m. An invitation has been extended to ladies to be present.

YACHTING.

Members of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club will race for the Royal Engineers' Cup tomorrow afternoon.

BOWLING.

The results of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's Competitions are as follows:—Neish Cup (Third round)—G. R. Edwards beat W. Taylor 2-1. W. Ramsay beat J. M. Robson 2-1. A. Milroy beat J. M. Henderson 2-1. J. C. Gow beat J. MacDonald 2-1. Russell beat J. Parkes 2-1. Taylor Bowls (Third round)—J. M. Henderson beat J. M. Robson 2-1. W. Ramsay beat A. B. Kinross 2-1. J. C. Gow beat R. Lapsley 2-1. T. Potrie scratched to J. Ramsay. W. M. Deas beat D. Gow 2-1.

The draws for the next rounds are as follows:—Neish Cup (Fourth round)—Russell v. Baxter or Haxton, Goodwin or Deas v. A. Milroy, G. R. Edwards v. W. Ramsay. Taylor Bowls (Fourth round)—Baxter or Edwards v. J. M. Henderson, J. Ramsay v. W. M. Deas, J. C. Gow v. Goodwin or MacDonald, J. Parkes v. W. Ramsay.

HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

After a most successful run of nearly one month Harmston's Circus will bring its season to a close with a grand performance this afternoon and a gala performance this evening, and it behooves those who have been unable to visit the show hitherto to avail themselves of this last opportunity of seeing what is really a splendid and up-to-date Circus. The turns, one and all, are well put on—in fact some of them are a bore the average, and speak well for the excellent management of Mr. Robert Love, and those responsible for the other departments of this extensive concern. We learn that the Circus will shortly embark for the Philippines where we trust it will be attended with the same success as that accorded in Hongkong. Last night there was an eight-round boxing contest between Yang Cohen and J. Marryat. It was won by Marryat. In the ten round contest Mc. Anthe beat J. Delaney. The management announce that a handsome bicycle will be given away to-day. Any purchasers of tickets from \$1 upwards are entitled to a chance.

NOTICE.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, &c., should be addressed to the Manager, and special business matters to the Editor. Orders for extra copies of DAILY PRESS should be sent in before 11 a.m. on day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited. Only supplied for Cash. Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded. Telegraphic Address: Press. Codes: A.B.C., 6th Ed. P.O. Box, 33. Telephone No. 12.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BAZAAR
In Aid of the
POOR CHINESE ORPHANS
of the
ASILE DE LA SAINTE ENFANCE.

Under the distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Major Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G.
The French Sisters have the honour to announce that their Annual Bazaar will be held at the City Hall on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.
They request your presence in order to inspect the different Needle and Fancy Works made by their Poor Orphans.
Asile de la Sainte Enfance,
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2877]

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

THE HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY propose to give a CONCERT shortly at which the Cantata "Revenge" will be performed. The first practice will take place on FRIDAY, the 18th inst., in the THEATRE ROYAL, City Hall, at 5.15 p.m. The Honorary Secretary will be pleased to receive the names of any Ladies or Gentlemen desirous of joining the Society. Applications for membership should be sent in as soon as possible to—
F. F. BOVET,
Hon. Secretary, H.K. Phil. Soc.,
Care of Messrs. Arnhold, Karberg & Co.,
Hongkong, 9th December, 1904. [2871]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG TRAMWAY ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED, hereby gives notice that under Section 7 of Ordinance 10 of 1902, they intend to apply to His Excellency The Governor in Council for approval to construct and maintain a siding running 50 yards along the Public Street lying between Inland Lots 1018 and 1149 with a junction to the line in Yee Woo Street, and another to the line in Canseway Bay Road.
For the Hongkong Tramway Electric Company, Limited,
J. G. Y. SCOTT,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2876]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Goods of WILLIAM STUART HARRISON, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Gentleman, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 59 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an Order limiting the time for sending in claims against the above estate to the 7th day of March, 1905. All Creditors are hereby required to send their Claims to the undersigned on or before that date.
Dated the 6th day of December, 1904.
DENNIS & BOWLEY,
Solicitors for the Executor.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship
"HAIMUN,"
Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 13th inst., at 9 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2878]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.
THE Company's Steamship
"FUNDUA,"
having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m., the 10th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1904. [2879]

THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

PRIME FRESH BEEF
(OWN FEEDING).

ON the 13th instant, we will kill a few stall-fed animals in prime condition. Orders (from our Customers only) must be sent in at the very latest by 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 12th instant.
The Beef will be ready for delivery to Messengers at our Town Depot, Wyndham Street, between 9.30 A.M. and 1 P.M. on the 15th instant.

PRICE LIST.
Sirloin Roast ... 30 cts. per lb.
Prime Rib Roast ... 30 cts. per lb.
Rump Steak ... 25 cts. per lb.
Porterhouse Steak ... 25 cts. per lb.
Round Steak ... 20 cts. per lb.
Boiling Beef ... 18 cts. per lb.
Soup Meat ... 12 cts. per lb.
Soup Bone ... 10 cts. per lb.
Suet ... 20 cts. per lb.

Note.—To prevent disappointment, we would advise Customers to include a substitute order in case they are too late for the part originally ordered.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2858]

PASSENGERS to England met on arrival. **BAGGAGE** cleared, forwarded, stored. Lowest rates. Agents to Board of Agriculture for importation of Dogs. Special attention to Bills of Lading.—Write CURTIS & SONS, LTD., 23 WEST SMITHFIELD, LONDON, E.C. 4.

INTIMATIONS



WANTED.
A TRAINED MASTER for Suiyuan Government School. Salary \$270 rising to \$360 p.a. Applications should be made to the Inspector of Schools.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1904. [2818]

WANTED.

FOR January, or earlier, a First-class **HOUSE** of Five or Six Rooms. Good Location. Willing to pay \$200 for suitable place.
Apply to—
M.,
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [2801]

LESSONS IN FRENCH.

NEW and easy method of learning French in a few months, mainly by conversation with a Frenchman. Terms very moderate. Also Lessons in English by an English Lady.
B. R.,
Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [1703]

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THE HONGKONG BOAT CLUB LAUNCH will leave Queen's Statue Wharf at 1 and 3 o'clock on the 9th and 10th inst., for the convenience of members and their friends.

E. W. CARPENTER,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2857]



SANITARY BOARD OFFICE.
Hongkong.

To the **OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.**

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the Domestic Cleanliness and Ventilation By-laws (as amended), every domestic building or part of such building within the Western Division of the City of Victoria occupied by members of more than one family must be **CLEANED AND LIMEWASHED** throughout by the owner during the months of November and December.
N.B.—The word "throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the walls of each room and staircase—all cubicle partitions—stair casings and stair linings, all ceilings and the undersides of roofs both in main buildings, offices and servants' quarters and inclusive of verandahs.
The back yard should have its containing walls lime-washed up to the level of the first floor.
Carved, painted or polished woodwork in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed but must be Cleaned.
The Western Division of the City lies to the west of Tank Lane and Cleverly Street.
THOS. A. HAMMER,
Secretary.
Dated this 1st day of December, 1904. 2858

NOTICE.

THE power of attorney granted to Mr. **WALTER GEORGE BENNETT** to sign the name of our firm per procreation has this day been cancelled.
HOLME, RINGER & CO.
Nagasaki, 30th November, 1904. 2844

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned will REMOVE to their New Premises, Nos. 57, 58 and 59, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, on the 15th instant.
KWONG SANG & CO., Shipchandler, &c.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2831]

THE SWATOW GRASS CLOTH SILK and DRAWN THREAD WORK DEPARTMENT.

Wholesale and retail quotations, particulars and samples, will be sent free on application to the above depot.
Swatow, 3th June, 1904. 2160

FOR SALE

FOR SALE.
A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE at the Peak. Also, a finely situated Croquet Ground near to above.
For particulars, apply to—
TURNER & CO.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1904. [2494]

ENGINES AND BOILERS FOR SALE

THE Undersigned have for Sale on moderate terms 2 ENGINES and 8 BOILERS from an Old French Gunboat, in good working order, and fit for seagoing steamers. Intending purchasers will please arrange terms with the CHING HOP Shop, No. 183, Wing Lok Street, or the U WO TAI Shop, No. 110, Des Voeux Road West, or the CHOY LEE Shop, No. 33, Wing Wo Street, Hongkong.
THE TAI LEE COMPANY.
Hongkong, 31st October, 1904. [2560]

CHEAP SALE OF FURNITURE.
IN consequence of Removal to New Premises, No. 49, Des Voeux Road Central, the undersigned offers his Stock of FURNITURE at considerably reduced prices.
Inspection respectfully solicited.
LI KWONG LOONG.
No. 1, Wyndham Street,
Behind the Old Hongkong Club Building,
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1904. [2729]

FOR SALE.

LARGE CANVAS HAMMOCK, which can be turned into a Tent; useful for Garden, a Camp Bed, Waterproof Sheet, and Air Pillow. Price \$40.
Apply—
X.,
Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2856]

ENTERTAINMENTS

HONGKONG GUN CLUB.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP for 1904 will be SHOT OFF TO-DAY (SATURDAY) 10th December, at 3 P.M.
Ladies are cordially invited to be present.
G. C. MOXON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th December, 1904. 2820

HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.

THEATRE ROYAL.
POSITIVELY THE LAST PERFORMANCE.

THE COMEDY OPERA "DOROTHY"
will be Produced
TO-DAY (SATURDAY),
10TH DECEMBER, 1904.

Doors Open at 8.30 P.M. Curtain Rises at 9 P.M.
The Booking Office at the ROBINSON PIANO Co. will be open, to GUARANTORS ONLY, on MONDAY, 5th December, and to the General Public on and after 6th December, between the hours of 11 A.M. and 4.30 P.M. each day.

Late Trams quarter-of-an-hour after fall of Curtain.
Refreshment Bar in the "Stockbroker's Rooms," near the Dress Circle, for the convenience of Seat-holders in the Dress Circle and Stalls.
The Pit Refreshment Bar is near the Pit Entrance.
Refreshments supplied by the Hongkong Hotel.

Stalls and Dress Circle ... \$3
Pit Stalls ... \$2
Pit ... \$1
Sailors and Soldiers in Uniform, Half Price to Pit Stalls and Pit.
A CHAPMAN,
Business Manager.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1904. [2812]

VICTORIA REGATTA.

SATURDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1904.
THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 10th December, at 1 P.M., on board the Flagships "KWONG TUNG" and "KWONG CHOW."
The Ladies' Prize will be presented by Miss Barnes Lawrence immediately after the race on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., at 4 P.M.
Mrs. VILLIERS HATTON has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the Regatta on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., through the Courtesy of Mr. DIXON, the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., a Launch will leave Blake Pier and TO-DAY (SATURDAY), at 12.30 P.M. to convey visitors on board the Flagship, and will make a second trip on each day at 2 P.M. It will leave the Flagship 10 minutes after the last race on each day.
By kind permission of Lt.-Col. W. S. BIRD, WOOD and Officers, the Band of the 11th Mahratta Light Infantry will perform each day.
The Secretary's Launch will leave Blake Pier each day at 12.30 P.M. sharp to convey rowing members to the Flagship.
Admission to the Flagship (Gentlemen) \$1.00 each day.
Tickets for Admission may be obtained from the undersigned on board.
HAROLD C. AUSTEN,
Hon. Secretary, V.E.C.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. 2834

HARMSTON'S GRAND CIRCUS
AND
ROYAL MENAGERIE
OF PERFORMING WILD ANIMALS.
LOCATION: CAUSEWAY-BAY, NEAR POLO GROUND.

LAST GRAND MATINEE.
TO-DAY, at 4 P.M.
Doors Open 3 o'clock. Commence 4 o'clock. Children Half Price to Matinee only.
TO-NIGHT!
LAST NIGHT!
A Handsome Bicycle will be given away amongst the Audience. Every Purchaser of a Ticket from \$1 upwards will be entitled to a chance.
Coupons given Nightly. Winning Coupon must be in Circus To-night.

N.B.—The Electric Tramway Co. will run special Cars before and after the Performances.
Booking Office for Box Seats and Dress Circle at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.
MADAME HARMSTON-LOVE,
Proprietress.
ROBERT LOVE, Manager.
R. ALTON & A. LEONARD, Agents.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [2824]

THEATRE ROYAL.
GRAND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT.
By the Band of
H.I.G.M.S. FÜRST BISMARCK.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.
Booking at The ROBINSON PIANO CO. 2811

AN APPEAL.
THE SISTERS who direct St. ANTONIO'S CONVENT at Macao will be very thankful to Shop-keepers, Linen drapers, Clothiers and Tailors in Hongkong, Macao, and elsewhere who will send to them remnants of material, books of patterns no longer used, and any pieces of cloth, no matter how small, of which they cannot make use.
Those who send will thus, at no cost to themselves, afford the numerous hands in the convent, especially the little ones, opportunity for useful occupation; for pieces of cloth, even of a square inch, can be stitched together and very pretty pieces of work made out of cloth that would otherwise be thrown away. These articles are bought by charitable persons, and the Sisters are thus helped to keep up their very large establishment, which is maintained by the alms of friends and in a great measure by the earnings of the girls themselves, who lead by no means an idle life within the convent walls.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1904. [17]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, St. George's Building, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 14th day of December, 1904, at 11 A.M., when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 26th November, 1904, will be submitted for confirmation as special Resolutions.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and if accepted to be allotted to the persons constituting the Shareholders of the Company according to the Company's Register of Shareholders on the 28th day of February, 1905, at a premium of \$10 for each and every such share of such 50,000 new shares in the ratio and proportion of one New Share for every Two (2) Old Shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such New Shares respectively (including the said premium of \$10 per share) to be paid to one equal half part thereof on the 31st day of March, 1905, and as to the remainder thereof (including the balance of the said premium) on the 30th June, 1905.

And that failing such allotment as aforesaid the said new shares be disposed of by the General Managers in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.
And that for the purpose of facilitating the carrying into effect of the above Resolution the Transfer and other Books of the Company be closed for the space of seven days as on and from the 1st day of March, 1905.
Dated this 5th day of December, 1904.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
2835

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
ISSUE OF 30,000 NEW SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

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THE UMPIRE.

Smithy sprawled lazily on the grassy cliff. A gentle breeze blew in from the south, and the glassy, sunlit sea was dotted with lagoon transport boats.

Gazing within a radius afforded by the loose net that Smithy held, was the major's horse in the sealed mustard-coloured grad that the soldier affects on manoeuvres. Smithy had followed both Red and Blue forces, for Major Somebody or other, whose self he was, had been umpiring.

"If," said Smithy, reflectively, "if we'd fought with umpires in South Africa, who do you think would have won?"

"I can't tell you," he went on without waiting for an answer. "Take Ladysmith. Why, if that job had been part of manoeuvres, you'd have seen twenty little umpires come streaking up in their Panniers and Napiers and Baby Pongos, blinding the Boers with dust, and they'd have had a conference on Waggon Hill and then they'd've sent for George White."

"Good mornin'," Sir George, they'd say. "Fine weather we're havin'! My fifty-horse-power Daimler put up a dozen brace between here and Colenso, they'd say. Then Sir George would talk about the shooting."

"Oh, by the way," says the umpire, "what about Ladysmith?"

"Wot about it?" says Sir George.

"Well," says one of the umpires, polishin' his motor-goggles, "I think you're out of action, don't you?"

"Sir George gets huffy."

"Nothin' of the sort," he says; "I can hold Ladysmith for months and months, he says."

"Then all the umpires huff, except one with spectacles."

"Pardon me," says this one, "you don't seem to understand that the strategic defensive calls for the preponderance of the tactical defensive."

"You dry up," says Sir George nastily. "I'm going to hold Ladysmith as long as we've got tools to eat."

"But he'd have had to give way before the umpires, and Ladysmith would have gone in."

"There was certainly a grain of wisdom in Smithy's deductions."

"Then," went on the great man, "take Colenso. The umpires would've gone up to Botha—no, I don't know how they'd have got to him unless they went up in a balloon—and there would be my hold Botha directin' the fire of the First Loyal Spamboks. 'Cease fire,' shout the umpires, and Botha stares. 'Wot for?' he says."

"You're defeated," says the umpire, and then goes on affably: "What sort of a season are you havin' in this part of the world? Nice weather for the crops. By the-by, as I was comin' along in my 34-horse power Wolsley, I put up twenty brace."

"Then Botha gets mad."

"What the howling rascal do you mean by sayin' that I'm defeated, when I've got a position here that I could hold for a month of Sundays?" he says, as wild as anything.

"The umpire gets very stiff."

"I'd have you know, General, that you're not allowed to hold this position."

"Why?" says Botha, very astonished.

"Because it's out of bounds," says the umpire—and so we'd have got Colenso."

Smithy stopped to watch a bare-footed sailor, with two little yellow and red flags, wave erratic arms seaward.

He spelt out the message, having some knowledge of the semaphore—arrangements," spelt Smithy, and added, with a dry laugh, "That's just the blamin' thing the umpires don't allow for."

"I remember, once," he continued with unaccustomed animation, "when we were messing about after De Wet. You know the sort of thing—twenty miles a day in every direction. Every night we used to come up to the place where De Wet was the night before. There was half a battalion of ours, one squadron of scallywags, two squadrons of bushrangers, and a couple of pom-poms."

"Well, one day, when we wasn't exactly lookin' for De Wet, De Wet was lookin' for us, and you can bet he found us!"

"Before we knew where we was he'd got our horses, and we were all lyin' flat on our chests sayin' the little ants that had as much cover as they wanted."

"We'd been shootin' away for about an hour, and it was easy to see we were pretty well surrounded."

"There was a sort of general in charge of our three columns, and he was twenty miles away with the other two."

"Bimely we got a helio message from him. 'Make the best arrangements you can; I can't get to you under six hours.' So our old man, and the scallywag captain—Somebody's Horse

it was—an' the Australian major, had a sort of council of war underneath a waterbarrel.

"Well, gentlemen," says our old man, "I'm afraid we're pipped," he says; "rightly speakin'," he says; "we ought to shove up the white flag," he says; "but I give everybody fair warnin'," he says; "that I'll shoot the man who as much as blows his nose with a white handkerchief," he says, with a wicked laugh.

"And the scallywag and the bushranger and the little gunner who had just crawled up, said, 'Hear, hear!'"

"Then our old man goes on: 'The main body of the enemy is in a donga three hundred yards to our left,' he says, 'and we've got to get that donga,' says our old man."

Smithy's eyes were far away.

"Bimely," he went on, "I heard the old man shouting, 'Concentrate your fire on that donga,' he says; then after a bit, when the dust begins to go up, he yells, 'Fix bayonets!'"

Smithy turned and looked me squarely in the face.

"What would the umpire have said?" he asked. "Why, we'd have been bloomin' well decimated—but we wasn't. The Boers didn't wait for the bayonet—they pushed off, and we got away with the guns."

"There's only one kind of war," said Smithy sagely, "and that's the kind that hurts. When the chap that's playin' the real game makes a misdeal or revokes, there's no re-shuffle. If he puts up a big bluff and it comes off, he's a great man, and gets his picture in the papers. If it don't come off, why—"

Smithy's silence was eloquent.

"Umpires in war," he went on, "are food and foot and fingers—fingers for holdin' on to positions where, rightly, you should 'a' been kicked off."

"I know regiments that could never be put out of action unless every man was killed—what's an umpire goin' to do with a lot like that?" he demanded. Somewhere down on the shingly beach below us a stentorian voice roared:

Smith!

Smith rose with alacrity.

"Comin', sir," he shouted. Then, as he led his officer's charger seaward, he turned.

"He's an umpire," he said with a jerk of his thumb toward the beach, "but he's a very decent chap as a human bein'!"—EDGAR WALLACE.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 9th December, 1904—Our market has ruled somewhat erratic during the past week. China Sugars and Docks which have been freely offering, to some extent for settlement account, show a decline on last week's rates, but on the other hand Banks and Unions, which are still wanted for investment account, have further improved their position. Indos have ruled steady throughout the period under review.

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BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have sold at \$710 and \$715, and close in further request at the higher rate. London has advanced to \$71, 5s, 0d. Nationals are unchanged with sellers at \$39.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have advanced to \$700 with sales and further buyers. China Traders are easier with sales at \$584, ex the dividend of \$44 for the year ended 30th April, 1904, paid on the 7th inst. North Chinas have been booked at Tls. 93 and are now in request at Tls. 98. Shanghai quotes sellers at Tls. 100.

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FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkong continue in request at \$395. Chinas have again been booked at \$39, and more shares are wanted.

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REFINERIES.—China Sugars have weakened and sales down to \$232 are reported, market closing with sellers at \$233. Luzons have experienced a sharp rise, and after sales at \$17, \$19, \$20 and \$21 are in further demand at the latter rate.

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MATHILDE, German str., 678, G. Schlaikier, 9th Dec., 1904. —Svatoz 8th Dec., General. —Jensen & Co.
MAZALLANES, American str., 832, Adolfo Yocabal, 9th Dec., 1904. —Manila 6th Dec., 1904. —Captain.
PRINZ SIGISMUND, German str., 3,300, D. Lenz, 9th Dec., 1904. —Tokohama 2nd Dec., General. —Melchers & Co.
PUNDUA, British str., 2,126, E. F. Thomson, 9th Dec., 1904. —Singapore 2nd Dec., General. —Jardine, Matheson & Co.
SERLON, British str., 2,120, Butler, 9th Dec., 1904. —Foonchow 7th Dec., 1904. —Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
ROSARIO, British str., 960, Vivian, 9th Dec., 1904. —Bombay Reef 6th Dec., 1904.
TEAM, British str., 1,346, A. Somerville, 9th Dec., 1904. —Manila 6th Dec., General. —Butterfield & Swire.
TIENTAI, German str., 1,002, O. Koch, 9th Dec., 1904. —Bangkok 29th Nov., Rice and General. —Butterfield & Swire.
WAISHING, British str., 1,170, M. Courtney, 9th Dec., 1904. —Tientsin 2nd Dec., General. —Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DEPARTURES.
9th Dec., 1904.
CEYLON, British str., for London.
FLO, Norwegian str., for Saigon.
GERMANIA, German str., for Yap.
GHAZEE, British str., for Shanghai.
HAIYAN, British str., for Canton.
NANGHAY, British str., for Canton.
ONLEY, British str., for Calcutta.
SAINT HUGO, British str., for Singapore.
SEYDLITZ, German str., for Shanghai & Canton.
TELMACHUS, British str., for London.
WHAMPOA, British str., for Canton.
YUENANG, British str., for Manila.

VESSLS IN DOCK.
5th Dec., 1904.
ABERDEEN DOCK.—U.S.S. Fathomer, Agincourt, Huc, Indravilli, Vigilant, H.M.S. Alacrity, H.M.S. Robin, Juvet.
COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Aragonia.

VESSLS ON THE BERTH
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
INFERIOR GERMAN MAIL LINE.
JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIA.
FOR BRISBANE AND SYDNEY.
Via NEW GUINEA.
THE Steamship
"PRINZ SIGISMUND."
Captain D. Lenz, will leave for the above places TO-DAY, the 10th inst.
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd November 1904. 2734

NOTICE.
STEAM FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.
Taking Cargo at Through Rates to TAWAO, LAHAD DATU, LABUAN AND ZAMBOANGA.
THE Company's Steamship
"BORNEO."
Captain E. Muhle, will be ready to load for the above ports on MONDAY, the 12th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELCHERS & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [2867]

BRITISH-INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.
THE Company's Steamship
"FUNDUA."
Captain Thomson, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 13th inst., at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2843]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship
"YAWATA MARU."
Captain A. E. Moses, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.
A. S. MIHARA, Manager.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2861]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
STEAM FOR
TRIESTE (DIRECT).
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.
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THE Company's Steamship
"GISELA."
Captain Damjanovich, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 23rd inst., at P.M.
For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.
Princes' Buildings.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [3]

VESSLS ADVERTISED AS LOADING
To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked K, nearest Hongkong H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.
1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's.
2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier.
3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard.
4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	NUBIA	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. N. Thillard	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 17th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DIONIS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	MYTOS	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYTON	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PRIAM	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c., via PORTS OF CALL	TOURANE	Fren. str.	—	Girard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 13th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	MANICA	Brit. str.	—	Leslie	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th inst., at Daylight.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	CANDIA	Brit. str.	—	H. E. Kiteat, E.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 21st inst.
BREMEN, via PORTS OF CALL	P. E. FRIEDRICH	Ger. str.	k. w.	E. Prohn	MELCHERS & CO.	On 19th inst.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG	SENEGAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jaburg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Forst	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 1st Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	C. PERD. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	k. w.	von Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hildebrandt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARCADIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Luning	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Behrens	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Mar.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Damjanovich	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 21st inst., P.M.
TRIESTE, &c., via SINGAPORE, &c.	GISELA	Aus. str.	1 m.	J. Riley	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES, HAVRE & LIVERPOOL	NINGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Jan.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	Brit. str.	—		DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 28th inst.
NEW YORK, via PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	CLAYTON	Brit. str.	—	H. Pybus, E.N.R.	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 30th inst.
NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 14th inst.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	ATREXIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. G. Purington	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 23rd inst.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	PERLUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Schuldt	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE via NAGASAKI, &c.	PERLUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. G. Purington	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 17th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA via JAPAN	PERLUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Schuldt	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 13th inst., at Daylight.
PORTLAND, OREGON	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Moore	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EASTERN	Brit. str.	—	McArthur	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 14th inst., at Noon.
BRISBANE & SYDNEY, via NEW GUINEA	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	D. Lenz	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, MOI & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Brit. str.	—	J. D. Andrews, E.N.R.	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 11th inst.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KANSU	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. E. Moses	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at Noon.
ROBE	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	Sawer	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
ROBE & YOKOHAMA	HINSAUNG	Brit. str.	—	Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 16th inst.
ROBE & YOKOHAMA	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—		JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 13th inst., at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	YOCOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	Harris	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	KIUKIANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Benson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst.
SHANGHAI	YUNNAN	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst.
SHANGHAI	KWEIYANG	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst.
SHANGHAI	WHAMPOA	Brit. str.	1 m.		BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
SHANGHAI DIRECT	FOOSHING	Brit. str.	—	R. A. Peters	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	About 17th inst.
SHANGHAI	YUNNAN	Brit. str.	—	Thomson	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 13th inst., at Daylight.
AMOI, STRAITS & RANGOON	M. SEYDLITZ	Jap. str.	—	T. Brandt	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
TAMSU, via SWATOW & AMOI	FRUITFUL	Jap. str.	—	H. A. Haraldsen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 18th inst., at Daylight.
TAMSU, via SWATOW & AMOI	PROVIDENCE	Jap. str.	1 m.	C. Cornelissen	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 14th inst., at Daylight.
ANPING, via SWATOW & AMOI	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	Robson	DOUGLAS LARBAK & CO.	On 13th inst., at 9 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOI & TAMSU	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 13th inst.
MANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Somerville	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at Noon.
MANILA	EASTERN	Brit. str.	—	McArthur	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	About 15th inst.
MANILA & HONOLULU	TEAN	Brit. str.	—	G. D. Morrison	DODWELL & CO., LD.	On 17th inst., at 10 A.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 28th inst.
MANILA	TREMONT	Brit. str.	—	T. W. Garlick	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
CEBU & ILOILO	KAIFONG	Ger. str.	1 m.	Robinson	MELCHERS & CO.	Quick despatch.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BOINBO	Ger. str.	—	B. Muhle	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	SUISANG	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Buller	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 15th inst., at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUMBANG	Brit. str.	—	Belsito	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On 18th inst., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & PENANG	CAPRI	Ital. str.	—			

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.
PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "SUISANG" Satur., 10th Dec., Noon.
+ SHANGHAI "KWONGSANG" Sun., 11th Dec., D'light.
+ SHANGHAI "HINSANG" Tues., 13th Dec., 4 P.M.
+ SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "KUMSANG" Thurs., 15th Dec., 3 P.M.
+ SHANGHAI DIRECT "FOOSHING" Thurs., 15th Dec., 4 P.M.
These steamships have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.
+ Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin and Yangtze Ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [1938]

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R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 14th Dec.
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Intermediate on Steamers, } 240. " " 242
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THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPEROR" STEAMSHIPS passing through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS and make connection with the PACIFIC OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.
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SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Navy, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese or Japanese Governments.
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Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LONDON, OPORTO, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRISTE, GENOA, PORTS in the LEVANTS, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATES.
SENEGAMBIA (HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG) On 19th Dec. Freight.
Capt. Jaburg (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
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SITHONIA (HAVRE and HAMBURG) On 24th Jan. Freight.
Capt. Hildebrandt (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
ARCADIA (HAVRE and HAMBURG) On 7th Feb. Freight.
Capt. Ehlers (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
ANDALUSIA (HAVRE and HAMBURG) On 21st Feb. Freight.
Capt. Filler (Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo)
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CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
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+ PLEIADES 3,753 F. G. Purington Saturday, December 17th
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The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.
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CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSES.
The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with very Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.
PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.
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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [7]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHANGHAI INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR
OPERATING IN
"OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO."
STEAMSHIP TONS. CAPTAIN TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
"ARAGONIA" 5,198 Schuldt December 13th, 1904.
"NICOMEDIA" 4,370 Wagner January 9th, 1905.
"NUMANTIA" 4,370 Dreher January 25th, 1905.
"ARABIA" 4,483 Babel February 20th, 1905.
Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to
ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.
Hongkong, 14th October, 1904. [14]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
FOR STEAMERS TO SAIL REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANGHAI, PALAWAN, About 11th Freight and
HAI, MOI, and KOBE J. D. Andrews, E.N.R. December Passage.
(Passing through the Inland Sea)
LONDON, &c. NUBIA F. N. Thillard Noon, 17th See Special
December Advertisement.
SHANGHAI MALTA R. A. Peters About 17th Freight and
December Passage.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and CANADIA About 21st Freight only.
AMSTERDAM via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, H. E. Kiteat, E.N.R. December
and PORT SAID
For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [1]

VESSLS ON THE BERTH
SPECIAL EXCURSIONS TO MACAO.
DECEMBER 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH, 1904.
THE Splendid Steamer
"YING KING,"
1,088 Tons, Captain E. J. Page, will run Three Special Excursions to Macao as under:—
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH.—Leaving Hongkong 8.00 A.M., Returning from Macao 2 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.—Leaving Hongkong 3.00 P.M., Returning from Macao 9 P.M. SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.—Leaving Hongkong 8.30 A.M., Returning from Macao 10 P.M.
FARES:
Saloon Single Journey, ... \$2, with Cabin \$3.
Return, ... 5.
Second Class, ... 3.
Meals can be obtained on board at \$1 each.
Wines and Spirits of the very Best Brands only supplied.
YUK ON S.S. CO., LD.,
216, Wing Lok Street.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. 2337

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
About
"SEIMOSA" ... 23rd Dec.
"HAZEL" ... 25th Jan.
"SATSUMA" ... 25th Feb.
For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1904. [377]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
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ON TUESDAY, the 13th December, 1904, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "TOURANE," Captain Girard, with Mail, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave the Port for MARSEILLES via Port of Call, WITHOUT TRANSITMENT.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 12th December. Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday. Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
I. BRIDOU, Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 28th November, 1904. [2]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
PROPOSED SAILINGS.
About
S.S. "CLAUDE" ... 30th Dec., 1904.
S.S. "EAS ISSA" ... 20th Jan., 1905.
For freight and further information, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th November, 1904. [2634]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.
THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.
For Freight and further particulars, apply to
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.
S.S. "WING CHAI,"
Captain T. Austin, E.N.R.
THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong, on Week Days, at 8 A.M.; and on Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; Departs from Macao on Week Days about 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.
FARES—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin and servant), Single \$3, Return Ticket \$5. 2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.
Every Sunday will be on Excursion, at the following rates:
1st and 2nd Class, Single Ticket \$1, Return \$2. 3rd Class, Single 30 cents, Return 50 cents. Steerage 10 cents.
Tiffin and Dinner can be supplied either on board, or at the Macao Hotel, for returning Passengers only, at an extra charge of \$2.
On Sundays, Passengers desiring to have a Private Cabin, which has accommodation for two or more Passengers, will be charged \$3 extra.
First Class Passengers who do not care to return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed to do so the following day (Monday) on production of the Return Half Ticket. Should the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given by the Captain, and the Half-Ticket will be available for the following day.
The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity. The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.
MING ON & CO.
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong, 7th October, 1904. 23

THE British Steamship
"YING KING,"
Captain E. J. Page, of 1088 tons, Registered, is the newest, fastest, most luxuriously furnished steamer on the line and is lighted throughout with electricity; hot and cold water service. The cuisine is unexcelled.
Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING, at 9 P.M. and returning from Canton every following evening at 5 P.M.
1st Class ... \$3.00 for Single journey
2nd ... 1.50
Meals ... 1.00 each.
The steamer's wharf is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.
YUK ON S.S. CO., LD.
No. 216, Wing Lok Street.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1904. [1]

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"PRIAM"	On 4th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL...	"WRAYCASTLE"	On 5th January.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 20th December.
GENOA, MILES, HAVRE and LIVERPOOL	"NINGCHOW"	On 22nd December.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"HYSON"	On 17th January.
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AGENTS. [10-11]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
KOBE	"KANSU"	On 10th December.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHANGSHA"	On 12th December.
SHANGHAI	"KIUKIANG"	On 12th December.
SHANGHAI	"YUNNAN"	On 13th December.
SHANGHAI	"YCHOOW"	On 12th December.
SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 13th December.
SHANGHAI	"KWEIYANG"	On 13th December.
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 14th December.
CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 14th December.

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"M. STRUVE"	SUNDAY, 11th Dec., at Daylight.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"PROVIDENCE"	WEDNESDAY, 14th Dec., at Daylight.
TAMUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"C. CORNELIUSSEN"	SUNDAY, 18th Dec., at Daylight.
	"FRITJE"	
	H. A. HARBALDSEN	

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Hongkong, 20th November, 1904. T. ARIMA, Manager. [15]

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RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila.	Sat., 17th Dec., 10 A.M.

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Hongkong, 25th November, 1904.

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1904.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION
SAILING DATES.

STEAMERS.	1904
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	21st December
SEYDLITZ	4th January 1905
ROON	18th January
BAYERN	1st February
ZETEN	15th February
SACHSEN	1st March
PRINZESS LICE	15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	29th March
PRUSSEN	12th April
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1904, at Noon, the Steamship
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1904. [4]

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Hongkong, 19th November, 1904. [2714]

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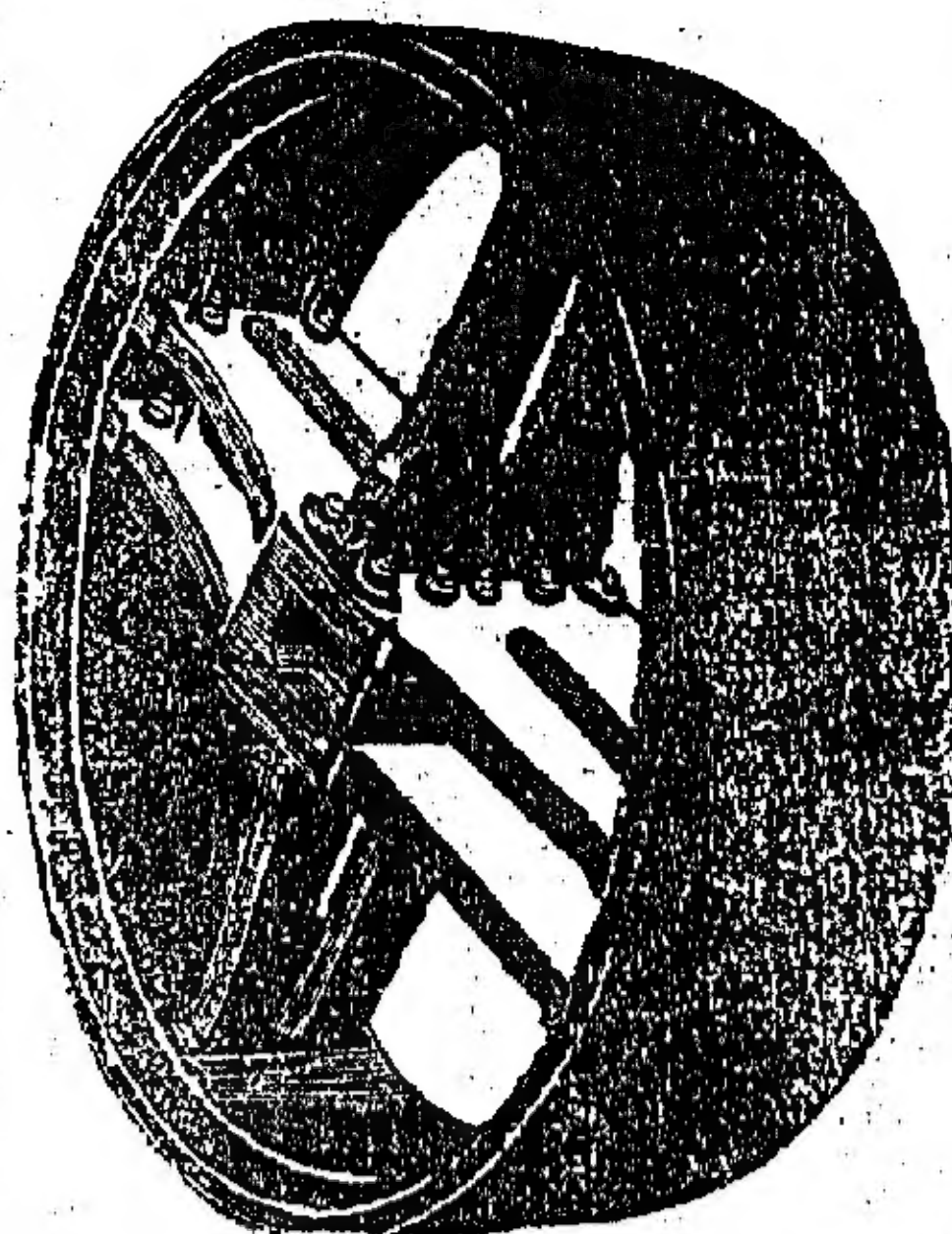
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Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [76]

POST OFFICE NOTICES

The *Doric*, with the American Mail, left Manila on Friday, the 9th at 4 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The *Dumbra*, with the French mail of the 11th November, leaves Saigon on Saturday, the 10th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on about Tuesday, the 13th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 8th October.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE.
Macao	Wingchai	Saturday, 10th, 7.30 A.M.
Canton	Kinshan	Saturday, 10th, 7.30 A.M.
Singapore	Gaea	Saturday, 10th, 8.00 A.M.
Tourane and Quinhon	Mathilde	Saturday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Zafro	Saturday, 10th, 9.00 A.M.
Kobe	Kansu	Saturday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Suisang	Saturday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Frederick Wilhelmshafen, Herberstshof, Matupi, Brisbane and Sydney	Prinz Sigismund	Saturday, 10th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Hongshan	Saturday, 10th, 1.45 P.M.
Hoihow and Pakhoi	Jacob Diederichsen	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	M. Steuwer	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtao	Tachwa	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbus	Kuonshang	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Longships	Saturday, 10th, 5.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Wangchun	Sunday, 11th, 8.00 A.M.
Macao	Clara Jensen	Sunday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Haiphong	Tachwa	Sunday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Namtao	Hoifu	Sunday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Sanbus	Pakhoi	Sunday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Kongmoon and Kunchat	Falshun	Sunday, 11th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Hankow	Monday, 12th, 7.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Kuikiang	Monday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Yochow	Yochow	Monday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Changsha	Changsha	Monday, 12th, 3.00 P.M.
Pundia	Pundia	Monday, 12th, 5.00 P.M.
Powson	Powson	Monday, 12th, 5.00 P.M.
Hainan	Hainan	Tuesday, 13th, 8.00 A.M.
Palat	Palat	Tuesday, 13th, 9.00 A.M.
Capri	Capri	Tuesday, 13th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Taticorin		Tuesday, 13th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		

Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland (Or.)

Shanghai

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Shanghai

Manila

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Shanghai

Manila

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Hongkong Regatta, third day.

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Shoot off, Hongkong Gun Club, 3 p.m.

Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Harmon's Circus, Causeway Bay, 8 p.m. and p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

9th December.

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1/10 1/2

Bank Bills, on demand 1/10 1/2

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Bank Bills, at 4 months sight 1/11 1/2

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ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 240

Credits, at 4 months sight 243 1/2

ON GERMANY.—

On demand 195

ON NEW YORK.—

Bank Bills, on demand 46 1/2

Credits, 60 days sight 47 1/2

ON BOMBAY.—

Telegraphic Transfer 142 1/2

Bank, on demand 142 1/2

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 142 1/2

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ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, at sight 71 1/2

Private, 30 days sight 72 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA.—

On demand 93 1/2

ON MANILA.—

On demand 93 1/2

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On demand 23 p.m.

ON BATAVIA.—

On demand 11 p.m.

ON HAIIPHONG.—

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THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.E. steamer *Empress of China* left Vancouver on Monday, the 28th Nov., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The P. & O. steamer *Falcon* left Singapore for this port on the 3rd Dec. at 3 a.m.

The steamer *Zealand* left Moji on the 6th Dec at 1 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Hector* left Singapore on the 8th Dec. at daylight, and is due here on the 12th Dec. at daylight.

The H.A.L. steamer *Amelia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 6th Dec. a.m., and may be expected here on the 15th Dec. a.m.

The steamer *Arratoon* left from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the morning of the 7th Dec.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Yokohama at 9 a.m., on Thursday, the 8th Dec., and left again at 8 a.m. on Friday, the 9th Dec. for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Calcutta* left Vladivostok on the 2nd Dec. at daylight for Hongkong via Nagasaki, Moji, &c., and may be expected here on the 17th Dec.

The P. & O. steamer *Nicomedia* left Portland on the 22nd Nov. via Japan ports, and may be expected here on the 24th Dec.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s steamer *Shawmut* left Seattle for Japan ports only on the 23rd Nov.

The Boston S.S. Co.'s steamer *Tremont* left Seattle on the 23rd Nov. for Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila.

The N.C. steamer *Taiwan*, from Australian ports, left Sydney on the 7th Dec., and is due here on the 25th Dec.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Nov. 1st—*Glenesk*, 8th—*Stentor*, *Mortimer*, *Shirah*, *Seneca*, 11th—*Hector*, *Amelia*, *China*, *Palawan*, 15th—*Lans*, *Benarty*, *Indrauma*, *Fernand*, *Silverth*, 15th—*Moravia*, *Dunbar*, *Prinsep*, *Marie*, *Lyon*, *Solovene*, 22nd—*Suevia*, *Minutiae*, *Plat*, *Nepuna*, *Sithonia*, *Suevia*, *Jan*, *Osiris*, *Malacca*, *Glenloghan*, *Lily*, *Room*, *Rosely*, 25th—*Achilles*, *Pingetier*, *Hindoo*, *Lokington*, Dec. 2nd—*Anapa*, *Barotse*, *Priam*, *Australier*, *Claverburn*, *Powderham*, *Prinsep*, *Alice*, 6th—*Denbyshire*, *Confidante*, *Oro*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Nov. 22nd—*Sambra*, 25th—*Valdemar*, *Hudson*, 28th—*Japan*, 29th—*Austria*, *Patroclus*, Dec. 2nd—*Epsom*, *Zieten*.

PASSENGERS.

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Per *Tosa*, from Manila, for Hongkong, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Berlinguer, Major and Mrs. Crosby, Colonel and Mrs. Ham and child, Mrs. Gye and two children, Mrs. Chase, Miss Meyer, and Miss B. E. Campbell, Dr. Merrill, Messrs. Elmer, J. Baker, W. H. Tudor, I. Da Silva, Joseph Finley, and E. S. Stabasco.

DEPARTED.

Per *Seydlitz*, for Shanghai, Miss Reitsuyter, Miss M. P. Pereira, Messrs. Y. Kemura, P. Brunant, Leopold, W. v. Uffel, Keshiwakana, Paul Reimers, Johnson, Jensen, W. E. Southcott, Rev. G. H. Bonfield, Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant, and Mr. W. Radenberg; for Nagasaki, Messrs. Katsuragi, Kawamura, Nishigori, Yamashiki, and Yokokawa; for Kobe, Mr. P. H. Smith; for Yokohama, Mrs. Fegner, Mrs. Desrois, Messrs. V. Reichel, L. Bagual, and Sankawaka.

Per *Yachowang*, for Manila, Messrs. Conrado, Cartallo, Francisco Gonzalez, Alex. Rodgers, Mr. and Mrs. Jacques K. Burz and infant, Messrs. A. Renard, Henry Richard and Chermansing.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. steamer *Doric* left Manila for this port on Friday, the 9th Dec. at 4 p.m., and is due here to-morrow, at noon.

The P.M. steamer *Manchuria*, from San Francisco to the 19th Nov. via Honolulu, leaves Yokohama for this port on the 9th Dec. a.m., and is due here on the 18th Dec.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Dumbra* will leave Saigon on Saturday, the 10th Dec. at 2 p.m., for this port, and is due here on the 13th Dec.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 9th December.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Bank—		
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$715, buyers
Nat'l. Bank of China		\$28, sellers
A. Shaver		\$28, sellers
B. Shaver		\$28, sellers
Comm. Shares.		\$21, buyers
Insurance—		
Union	\$100	\$700, buyers
China Traders		\$25, div. sales
North China		\$25, div. sales
Yangtze		\$25, div. sales
Canton	\$50	\$385, buyers
Hongkong Fire		\$30, buyers
China Fire		\$30, buyers
Steamship Coys.—		
H. Canton and M.	\$10	\$204, sellers
Indo-China S. N.		\$12 1/2, buyers
China and Manila		\$50, buyers
Douglas Steamship	\$50	\$34, sales
Star Ferry		\$5, sellers
Shel Transport & Trading Co.		\$1, sellers
Do. pref. shares		\$10, buyers
Refiners—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$223, sellers
Luzon Sugar		\$100, buyers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	\$25,250	\$400, buyers
Kaubs	\$18,10	\$44, sellers
Docks &c.—		
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$215, buyers
H. & W. Wharf & G.		\$114 1/2, sellers
New Amoy Dock		\$64, sellers
S. & S. Co., Ltd.	\$10,100	\$174, buyers
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Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$148, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$284, sales
West Point Building	\$50	\$50, sellers
Hongkong Hotel	\$60	\$141, buyers
Humphreys & Co.	\$10	\$124, sales
Shanghai Land		\$24, sales
Cotton Mills—		
Ewo		\$15, buyers
International		\$15, buyers
Leong Kung Mow		\$15, buyers
Soychew		\$15, buyers
Hongkong		\$15, buyers
Companies—		
Alumina, Ltd.	\$500	\$102, buyers
Hell's Asbestos & A.	\$12, 63	\$4, buyers
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$40, buyers
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$12	\$18, buyers
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$4, buyers
Dairy Farm	\$4	\$30, buyers
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Green Island Cement	\$10	\$15, buyers
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Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$25, buyers
Hongkong Rope	\$50	\$150, buyers
H. K. Steam Water-boat Co. Ltd.	\$10	\$20, sellers
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$9, sellers
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	\$50	\$50, buyers
S. China Morning Post	\$25	\$21, buyers
Tobacco Planting Co.	\$5	\$17 1/2, sellers
China Light and Power Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$10, buyers
Power Co., Ltd.	\$5	\$7, buyers
United Asbestos	\$3	\$4, buyers
Watkins, Ltd.	\$10	\$9, buyers
Watson & Co., A.S.	\$10	\$12 1/2, buyers & sel.
William Powell, Ltd.	\$10	\$11, buyers

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 10th to the 16th December.

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LOW WATER.					LOW WATER.				
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			10 58	7				4 8	4
			1 10	8				5 55	5
Sun.	11		1 10	8	Sun.	11		5 55	5
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			2 1	4				6 39	6
			7 48	8				7 15	8
			3 57	8				8 2	8
Tues.	12		4 1	7	Tues.	12		8 1	7
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THE BLACK RIBBON.

BY L. T. MEADE.

(Author of "A Woman in Grey," &c.)

CHAPTER XI.

The storm abated, the waves quieted themselves, and the good ship *Arctura* sailed gaily over the sunlit waters. The passengers came on deck, sometimes in groups, sometimes in pairs, sometimes singly. One pair was ever seen together, pacing slowly, with slightly bent heads, up and down the long deck. They did not seem to talk much, but it needed scarcely a casual observer to notice that they were glad to be together, that the presence of each rested and satisfied the other. Their eyes too, when these eyes happened to meet, were eloquent with suppressed feelings.

"It's the old story," the other passengers would say, one to each other. "They love one another, and there is a mighty and consuming love. What a gallant looking fellow that young English doctor is, and what a fine girl that dark maiden is, who looks at him with those sparkling eyes."

All the passengers on board the *Arctura* wished well to Delafeld and Helen Lumslade; all with the exception of Professor Kristofski, who was acknowledged to be the most brilliant man on board; he could talk better than anyone else; he could tell more varied stories, his adventures had been immense; he had a profound knowledge of various languages and could speak the tongue of the East as well as the tongue of the West. In addition to his powers of language he had a most impassioned face, of features which he possessed to such a great extent, he alone—and that strangers did not fully recognise—had the power of suppressing his real emotions.

All those who watched him on that brief voyage, observed that he was particularly kind to Helen Lumslade, and good to the young doctor, who was winning such a good opinion from all on board; he used to throw the two together, and when he saw them talking to each other, he would never disturb them; his eyes seemed to say at these moments—

"Bless you, my dear young people. Enjoy the springtime while you may. Gather roses while they are strewn round your path, for the course the dark day will come when you will have no pleasure in these things. Enjoy them now, while you may."

Kitty Pembroke was perhaps the most silent, and in some ways the sweetest looking woman on board. She was much liked. For she had a remarkably sweet face, and she was exceedingly kind to Helen, talking to her, being with her when Delafeld was not present, although invariably without a word, she left her friend's side when Delafeld was seen approaching.

Meanwhile Rawlinson became quite well again, and crept up on deck, a somewhat shadowy grey figure, who kept very much to herself, and sat huddled up in wraps, exclaiming, when people drew near, that the cool sea breezes did her good.

Thus, and in this fashion, did they speed across the Northern Sea, and never had Helen looked more radiant and more healthy. The happiness of her face seemed to reflect the steadfastness of her graceful strength. If Delafeld had loved her before, he loved her more madly than ever now. It was but to glance at her to see how worthy she was of any man's best attentions, of the heart-whole devotion of any man's love. In short to the passengers of that gallant ship all seemed peace and goodwill, and few could guess what elements were at work; what destructive agents were riping day by day, and what a catastrophe was close at hand.

It was on the day before they were to reach St. Petersburg, that Kitty approached Helen, where she was sitting, employing herself with some fancy needlework in a sheltered position on the deck. A carefully arranged awning protected her eyes from the sun, and as the vessel moved along, the summer breeze fanned her pure pale cheeks. Kitty sat down by her side. "We shall have landed by this time tomorrow," she said.

"Yes," replied Helen.

"And, Nell, you are as well as ever—better than ever!"

"I am quite well," said Helen with a slight sigh. "At the same time," she continued, "I am sorry that our peaceful voyage is at an end."

"So am I," said Kitty very gravely.

"There was some thing in her tone which caused Helen to look her full in the face.

"What is the matter, Kitty?"

"I speak with intention," was Kitty's reply.

"How? I don't understand."

"There is mischief and danger all round you, Helen."

"I have not come out to Russia prepared for smooth things," was the answer.

Kitty seemed to sweep away her words with a determined and curious intention.

"I tell you," she said, "there is danger round you, round you especially. And round that good friend of yours, Maurice Delafeld."

Helen dropped her needlework, and looked full at her friend.

"There's no one listening," said Kitty. "I have taken precautions. You may speak, as I mean to speak to you."

"I have felt since I came on board that I could be open and like my natural self," answered Helen, "but at the same time I knew that when I reach Petersburg I should have to put on the vital seal of silence. I have been telling or trying to tell Maurice that."

"Ah!" said Kitty sharply. "Wonder how much you have told him—or how little you have told him!"

"As little as possible."

"And how long does he mean to stay in Petersburg?"

"He says while I am there."

"Helen, he must not."

"Kitty, I do not know any means by which I can prevent his doing exactly what he wills."

"You are not prepared," said Kitty turning pale. "Ours is not a light mission. We have been singled out by a great concourse of learned and powerful men—men, aye, and women too—who perform a great work, and do you suppose that those men and women will allow one hardy Englishman to stand in their way? Do you suppose it for a single moment, Helen?"

"What is to be done?" asked Helen.

"One of two things," said Kitty quickly. "He must do what Rupert is prepared to do for me."

"Rupert! Rupert!" said Helen in surprise.

"Yes, of course, you know he follows us in the very next ship. Even now he has left England. I can do with him what I will; he will espouse our cause, and be one of us. Maurice Delafeld must be one of us or he must go."

"Maurice will not be one of us, and he will not go," said Helen.

"Then," said Kitty very gravely, "his life will be the forfeit!"

she felt it creeping up her spine and encircling her heart, and exclaiming her hair with its icy touch. It was as though she were really paralysed.

"What am I to do?" she said. Then she suddenly broke into a cry. "Kitty, I love him! I love him better than that which I have promised to do."

Kitty laughed.

"Would a case like ours have difficulties at all if we did not give it better than our love. Love has to die on that throne. Love has to perish—human love, at least the love of the individual for the individual—on that altar."

"I can't," said Helen. "I love him."

"I am doing wrong in telling you this much," said Kitty, standing up as she spoke. "You love him, and you would not mean death. And, listen, it may not mean death. Think of long confinement, of prison, of slow torture, of banishment! Think of what can be done, and will be done, if you persist in bringing him to Petersburg, except as our chosen ally. Now I have said more than I ought, so I will leave you."

She moved away. She was wearing a white muslin dress, she had a swaying, graceful motion. She went down the long deck and joined Professor Kristofski.

Presently Delafeld himself, looking bronzed and well, came up.

"Well, sir," he said, speaking to the Professor, "I am almost fancy I can already see the domes and minarets of your great capital. We shall have arrived by this time tomorrow."

"Some of us will have arrived," said the Professor with a smile.

"I trust all of us," said the young doctor. "I do not see any trace of illness on board."

Kristofski gave him a hurried glance, then taking up a spyglass he looked far out across the Lakes of the Finland Gulf up which they were slowly sailing.

"What a wonderful recovery you have made," said Kitty then, "of poor Rebecca Rawlinson. She seems as well as ever, and devoted to you. She says she owes her life to you."

"She does," said Delafeld very gravely.

"What do you mean?" asked the Professor.

"It was the nearest chance which made me bring a certain very subtle and little-known drug on board, a drug which restores to life when almost else fails. I happened to have it by me, and was able to administer it at the crucial moment. But for the accident of my bringing that drug with me, Rebecca Rawlinson's body would by now have been food for the fishes."

He took off his hat as he spoke, to Kitty, and walked up the deck. The professor's eyes followed him with a malignant expression.

"Have you spoken to her?" he said in a low tone.

"Yes."

"What did she say?"

"She loves him."

"Curse her!"

"She does. She loves him better than what she has come to do."

Kitty was quite silent for a minute. Then she turned suddenly, and took the Professor's hand.

"Dear Professor!" she said.

"Yes, Catherine," he answered, "when I look at you I feel that I am indeed blessed in having met so noble a woman."

"Let me speak," she cried. "Don't interrupt, at least until I have finished. I am pre-paring, as you know, to give my very all, in the purest sense of the word, to your cause. I have such an influence over Rupert Lumslade that I know I can make him do what you wish. My money, and I have a good fortune, is at your command; so is Rupert's money; he is Squire Lumslade's only son, and I am the apple of my father's eye. Will not we two suffice, and will you not allow Helen Lumslade to go back again to England with her love? Will you not relax the iron chain you have encircled her with?"

"Never!" said the Professor. "What would Olga say to me? What would Sarc and Sterbini say to me? You talk nonsense, Kitty. You speak words I never expected the fair and proud Catherine to speak. Helen is mine—she belongs to me. That Englishman has his chance. Let him take the oath of fealty; he will stick to it, if he takes it. If not, he goes!"

"May I not return to England, if we can manage that? Will not that suffice?"

"No," he has been too much with Helen; he guesses some of our secrets; he must be one of us, or he must die!"

CHAPTER XII.

The next day the *Arctura* weighed anchor in one of the great docks or basins for which Petersburg is so celebrated. Professor Kristofski and his party were the very first to land. Kristofski gave brief directions to a servant who met them with regard to the luggage of the entire party, and then he, Kitty, Helen, and Delafeld drove away to a splendid white mansion which stood on one of the quays. The mansion was the town house of this great Professor of Science, one of the most distinguished men in St. Petersburg.

Kristofski well aware that he was regarded somewhat in the light of a suspected person in England, held his head very high when he drove through his own capital; here men to right and left bowed to him, and here beautiful women stopped, smiled, and nodded brightly.

"You seem to know everyone," said Delafeld suddenly.

Kristofski's face wore its most benignant expression.

"I was brought up here," he said. "My own countryfolks understand me. Ah! he continued, "is it not a life worth living? Smell the freshness and charm of the air, even though it is midsummer, and Petersburg, in contrast with the winter season is almost the dearest, and yet, it seems to me the most delightful spot on earth. We stay here to-night, and tomorrow we go to my dacha at Petersburg. There we shall meet Olga, and my great friends, Professor Sterbini and Count Sarc."

Helen's face turned pale when Kristofski mentioned the name of the latter. She looked at Delafeld, who returned her glance with comprehension in his own brown eyes.

Soon they entered the Professor's house where in a few minutes, Rebecca Rawlinson joined the party. She looked quite in her native element, strong, robust, and reliable. Delafeld watched her face; he noticed that her jaw had an obstinate bend, that her lips were firm as though they were moulded in iron, that her eyes looked narrower and more watchful than ever. Kristofski came up to Rebecca and gave her brief directions. She immediately approached Helen's side.

"May I take you to your suite of apartments, my lady. You must be fatigued."

"But why call me that?" said Helen in some annoyance.

"It is the custom in a country where nearly every woman of distinction is at least a Countess," replied Rawlinson.

Delafeld, who could not help watching her, noticed that she had a manner and bearing herself of a woman who had pride of birth, and that much of the servility which she had chosen to put on, and which so ill became her in England, had now departed.

Kristofski was exceedingly kind to Delafeld. "You will make my house your home for the present, will you not, Mr. Delafeld?" he said.

"I shall be delighted to show you hospitality. You will sleep here to-night."

Kitty gave him a swift anxious glance; he met it and replied instantly—

"I shall have great pleasure in accepting your offer, sir."

The Professor smiled, crossed the room, and rung a bell. A servant in a somewhat quaint livery replied to the summons.

"Take Mr. Delafeld to the Green Room, leading out of the White corridor," said his master, speaking in pure and excellent French. The man answered in the same tongue, and Delafeld moved off.

Kitty and the Professor now found themselves alone.

"Are you aware if Helen has spoken to Delafeld?" asked Kristofski, at that moment.

Kitty shook her head.

"I have not had an opportunity of saying a word to Helen in private since I spoke to you yesterday," was her answer.

"You had better do so, Catherine, to-night. I have arranged that the next meeting of our confederates is to take place the night after next at my dacha. If Delafeld is willing to take the oath of fealty on that occasion, all will be well. If not—"

The Professor made a significant gesture.

"And if not—what do you mean to do?" asked Kitty.

"I have thought of an ingenious mode, my dear Kitty, by which to get rid of our good friend. To take his life would be the easiest method, but for a man in my position murder is often dangerous. You are doubtless well aware of the fact that while I belong heart and soul to the revolutionary party, I yet hold an official post under the Government. I am their greatest expert in all cases of toxicology. They come to me whenever there is a new chemical problem to be solved, or a new electrical method to be put in force. I derive a very large income from the government of my country, and I have more than once put Revolutionary agents of the weak and useless type into their hands."

"I know it! I know it!" said Kitty, shrinking back and pressing her hands to her face with an exclamation of horror.

Kristofski looked at her with some displeasure.

"Shall I ever forget little Katrina, la belle Katrina with the blue eyes, and the way she cried and cried! I wonder where she is now?"

"Doubtless," said the Professor very at ease, "Katrina has gone north where others have gone before her. She is one of the noblest of our martyrs. She had to become one in order that I, who can do so much, whereas she could do little or nothing, should not be arrested. Her arrest saved mine. I propose, in the case of Delafeld's failure to espouse our cause, to have him arrested as an English spy of the Russian Government. I shall put the necessary papers to ensure his conviction, in such a manner about his person, and his clothes, as shall make his arrest a certainty. For a year or two he will lie and rot in the dungeons of the Czar's Palace. By then, your daughter, we shall have succeeded. He may escape, we and my power. It may be possible for one who belongs to the Revolution to fail to capture him, but it is easy for me to put the police of the Russian Government on his track. He is a doomed man, he had better beware. He is in the country of suspects. On all hands he will be watched."

Kitty clasped and unclasped her hands. She looked full at the Professor, but unlike Helen she did not trouble herself to speak, however. She knew that words would be useless and that the less she said the better.

"My head aches," she said after a moment.

"If you will permit me, I will go to my room to rest until dinner."

"Do, Catherine, for I shall be busy. Look after the others. Understand well the position. If you fail there is always Rawlinson. Now my dear girl, good-bye for the present."

The professor stood on the door behind him. Kitty stood still after he had left her. Had anyone been present, that person would not have noted even the shadow of an expression on that highly wrought and really beautiful face. The eyes, blue and bright, bright as a bit of the heavens itself, glittered, it is true, for an instant, and there was a hardness in their expression, but they were so veiled by the curling black lashes as to be hidden in all their splendour unless anyone stood close to her. There was not a tint of additional colour on the face, and the rippling black hair, which was wound so closely round her stately head, gave the final statuesque effect to a face which in its liveliest moment was most vivacious. Now it seemed as though a mask was drawn over it. It was proud, disdainful, unmoved. Unmoved too, was the well-formed figure, even the leaving hand showed not the least emotion. But had anyone watched Kitty's right hand, that person would have seen that the palm bled from the way the nails were dug into it.

Presently she slowly crossed the room, and stood by one of the windows. It was a heavy window, built after the fashion of all windows in great Petersburg houses. The double sashes had been removed for the weather was warm, and one half of the great French window stood open. Kitty stepped on to the stone balcony and rested her arms for a moment on the parapet. Between her and the swiftly flowing river was a wide quay made of solid granite. At the farther end was the Winter Palace where the Czar lived when in town. Beyond the broad line of road was a footpath, usually thronged by pedestrians, but more or less empty now, as this was not the season for country drives. The river itself was gay with steamers plying hither and thither, loading and re-loading under the celebrated bridge of St. Nicholas. There were also boats with gaily caparisoned carmen, and heavy freight, being carried in huge barges to different destinations. Far away, in the shining West, lay Peterhof, undescendible of course at this distance. Peterhof, where the gay court was held, and where the nobles and richest merchants of one of the richest cities in the world had their dachas and gardens of pleasure at this season of the year.

Kitty knew well a certain dacha where she and her party would go on the morrow. She had been there before. It was a long, low, splendidly built mansion, with gay balconies, covered with red awnings all round in order to keep out the burning sun. The dacha was open to the beautifully kept gardens. There would be music, there would be splendid women, and men and gracious and beautiful women, and laughter and mirth and revelry, for this was the very height of the gayest time at Peterhof. There the stately Olga, Professor Kristofski's one and only daughter, would meet her guests.

Kitty, as she stood now, leaning over the balcony, recalled Olga's face. It was quite the coldest, proudest, most inscrutable countenance her eyes had ever looked on. It gave to each fresh person who saw it a strange sense of repugnance, but at the same time it fascinated. No man or woman ever looked once at Olga Kristofski without wanting to look again, and so on. Few men left her presence without having felt her power, and few women, spoke to her without being subjugated by a certain thrill which had nothing to do with her sex, and seemed to be in a measure apart from herself, and power of one, who was, to an extraordinary degree selfless and with no desires other than

the good of that which she had taken in hand. She was a prophetess in the most complete sense of the word. She was a patriot, but there was something wanting in her. Her heart was not human, yet it was colossal and power-compelling.

Kitty sighed as she recalled how soon she and Olga would clasp hands. They had met before, many, many times.

"What a light hearted girl I was before I met Olga Kristofski!" thought the English girl. "I was sent to Petersburg to school. There are no people in the world who can teach better than well-educated Russians. And Olga was there—an older girl, whereas I was but a little child. We met, we talked, she inspired me. I could think only of her. No man who ever breathed was anything to me when Olga Kristofski was present. She has exercised her power over me ever since, and for several years now I have bowed to her and submitted to her will. The professor himself could do little or nothing without Olga. It is she who pulls the wires, it is she who compels, it is she who sustains us when there are horrible moments. That time when the child was arrested, innocent, unsuspecting child. Ah, but for Olga, I think I should have given myself away then; but she just caught my hand and hissed into my ear 'Silence' and I did not dare—I hardly dared to breathe. That is Olga. And now she has got dear, beautiful Helen also into her clutches, for they are clutches, and she is a tigress, and yet we fawn on her—we fawn on her."

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Astraea, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 10 guns, 7,000 h.p., Captain Lionel G. Tuftnell, Singapore.

Brunble, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. O. M. Makins, en route Hongkong.

Britannia, gunboat, 710 tons, 6 guns, 1,300 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Thos. D. Pratt, Hongkong.

Centurion, battleship, 10,500 tons, Capt. Fegen, Weihaiwei.

Crossy, cruiser, 12,000 tons, 14 guns, 21,000 h.p., Capt. Henry M. T. Tudor, Singapore.

Esperanza, gunboat, 1,070 tons, 10 guns, Comdr. Sato, Singapore.

Fame, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6 guns, 5,700 h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Asser, Hongkong.

Fearless, gunboat, 443 tons, 12 guns, Comdr. Vaughan Lewis, en route Singapore.

Glory, battleship, 12,950 tons, 16 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Hon. W. G. Steford, Hongkong.

Hardy, torpedo-boat destroyer, 290 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., in reserve.

Hart, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 h.p., Weihaiwei.

Humber, storeship, 1,640 tons, Comdr. P. M. Binders, Hongkong.

Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser

